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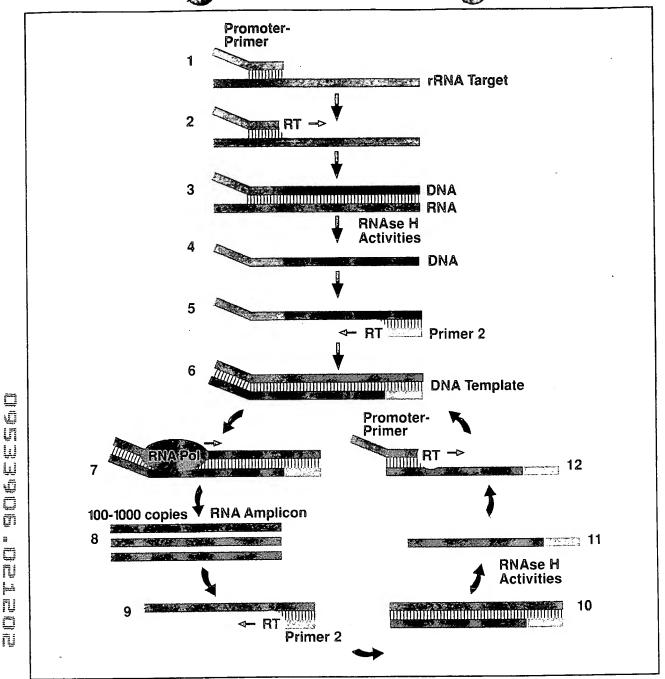


FIGURE 1. Transcription-Mediated Amplification Cycle (TMA):

- Promoter-primer binds to rRNA target.
- Reverse Transcriptase (RT) creates DNA copy of rRNA target. Step 2:
- RNA:DNA duplex. Step 3:
- Step 4: RNAse H activities of RT degrades the rRNA.
- Primer 2 binds to the DNA and RT creates a new DNA copy. Step 5:
- Double-stranded DNA template with a promoter sequence. Step 6:
- RNA polymerase (RNA Pol) initiates transcription of RNA from DNA template. Step 7:
- 100-1000 copies of RNA amplicon are produced. Step 8:
- Primer 2 binds to each RNA amplicon and RT creates a DNA copy. Step 9:
- Step 10: RNA:DNA duplex.
- Step 11: RNAse H activities of RT degrades the rRNA.
- Step 12: Promoter-primer binds to the newly synthesized DNA. RT creates a double-stranded DNA and the autocatalytic cycle repeats resulting in a billion-fold amplification.